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SUBJECT: PRESS QUESTION ON REFUGEES AT CLARK

1. DEPT. PRESS SPOKESMAN DURING APRIL 22 BRIEFING TOOK (I.E. AGREED TO RESPOND TO) FOLLOWING QUESTION APRIL 23: "HAVE YOU ASKED PERMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES TO HELP THEM (THE EVACUEES AT CLARK) THERE ? WHAT IS THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT POSITION ?"

2. WE PROPOSE TO RESPOND: "WE ARE KEEPING THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT INFORMED REGARDING THE REFUGEE SITUATION, AND ARE WORKING TO SPEED THE PROCESSING AND ONWARD TRANSIT OF THE INDIVIDUAL REFUGEES." ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE "NO COMMENT" BUT THIS WOULD CERTAINLY FOCUS GREATER PRESS ATTENTION ON OUR POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITH GOP OVER THE ISSUE.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS BY OPENING BUSINESS APRIL 23.
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EMBASSY MAY INFORM GOP OF PROPOSED RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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